

might be affected by this particular change and there were a number of statutes that the sponsors couldn't be expected to catch. So in adding all those in it became less cumbersome simply to do a rewrite of the bill and that is what is done. For example, there is a reference on many, many statutes to the sheriff and because we are allowing Boards of Corrections we had to change that language to say, "or such other persons as may be charged with the administrative direction of jail," that sort of thing. So rather than debate the bill twice I would suggest, in particular because there are no amendments up anyway, that you simply adopt the committee amendments and then let the sponsors of the bill describe to you in detail what the bill does and then we will have one debate on the bill instead of two. So with that, I would move the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members of the body, this bill of course was introduced last year and you have probably heard some things about it over the interim and perhaps in the last few days. Senator Beutler has done a pretty good job of actually explaining what happened and what we are doing. As he said, the counties of the population of over 150,000 were already allowed and do use a Board of Corrections in operating their facilities. Some of the other counties with probably a little less population but still quite populated are also interested in doing this sort of thing and some counties are even doing it now, really with, probably without the proper authority in the statutes. So this bill was drafted and reworked and reworked and we think now it covers pretty much what we are saying and I will read a bit of it on page 2, starting with line 23. "In each county having a population of 150,000 or more inhabitants, the County Board shall also serve as a County Board of Corrections." That is in the language and